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Planning Commission*

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The Honorable G. Franklin Edwards
Acting Chairman, National Capital
Planning Commission
Washington, D. C. 20576

Dear Dr. Edwards:

The Director has asked me to reply to your memorandum of June 18, 1970 in which you requested our comments on a draft of policies and procedures being considered for adoption by the National Capital Planning Commission to implement Federal policies and goals for the protection and enhancement of environmental quality in the National Capital Region.

The subject of environmental quality continues to be of utmost concern to this Agency, and we have been working with the General Services Administration (GSA) for many years to ensure that the facilities used by this Agency protect and enhance the quality of our environmental resources. We have, therefore, reviewed your draft of implementing policies and procedures with interest and concur in their adoption. It is foreseen that your special efforts in this region will do much to further the principles of conservation and preservation, and result in continuing programs of leadership in the nationwide effort to help save our environment.

Inasmuch as GSA possesses the responsibility for our facilities in the National Capital Region, including site location, acquisition, and construction, as well as building operation and maintenance, we will continue to rely on that agency for guidance in ensuring compliance with your standards in the area of environmental concern. At the same time, we will cooperate on a mutual basis so that in working together we can back our commitment to Federal policies and goals.

If this Agency can be of any further assistance in this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely

/S/
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Deputy Director
for Support

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